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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Open Arms Lutheran Church held a World Day of Prayer gathering at noon May 5 in front of Van Buren Township Fire Station #2 on Belleville Road, with special prayers for first responders. Those attending included those in the police and fire departments of Van Buren Township, City of Belleville, and Sumpter Township, along with 24 seventh- and eighth-grade students from St. Michael Lutheran School in Wayne. Children in the Open Arms Daycare often go on to school at St. Michael. Open Arms Pastor Larry Courson led the prayers and brief ceremony and then invited the first responders into the firehall for lunch.

Court Watching:

Suspect in murders of VBT mother, daughter arrested in prison

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Lionel Lamont Vincent, 48, of Pontiac was arraigned and had a probable cause conference May 4 on two counts of first-degree premeditated murder on July 25, 2021 in Van Buren Township. The warrant was filed March 24.



Vincent

His assigned attorney J. Grant Miller said he needed discovery,

so 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley adjourned Vincent's probable cause conference until 10 a.m., May 18, via zoom. Vincent was present via zoom from the Michigan Department of Corrections' Michigan Reformatory in Ionia and he was on parole hold, so no bond was set.

Vincent is accused of murdering Yachanda Snipes, 45, and her daughter Dacara Leatherberry, 14, in their home in the 46000 block of Lake Villa Drive within the Belleville Pointe apartment complex late July 25, 2021. The two reportedly died of multiple injuries.

Van Buren Township Police Detective Mike Long said Vincent was the suspect from the beginning and the victim was an Uber driver at the time they met. Det. Long said the state held Vincent for possible parole violation because of the VBT police investigation. He was wearing his GPS ankle monitor, required for his parole, at the time of the killings, police said.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Vincent was paroled Sept. 22, 2020 after serving 27 years in prison for an Aug. 25, 1994 kidnapping and raping, using a weapon to commit a felony and

various other weapons charges, in Oakland County. He was convicted in a jury trial.

Bert David Scott

Bert David Scott, 57, of the City of Belleville, pled guilty to assault and battery before Judge Oakley on Dec. 29 and got a six-month delay after which the charge would be dismissed if there were no further problems. He was charged with assault or assault and battery on Sept. 12 in Van Buren Township.

Scott told Judge Oakley he put a young man in the house in Van Buren Township

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Belleville City Council invites public to discuss billings for trash, water

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Residents of the City of Belleville are invited to attend the next meeting of the city council at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 16, to give their opinions on how often they want to be billed for trash and water.

The residents also will get an explanation of why their trash bills are going up from \$15.30 a month to \$20.73.

At Monday's regular meeting of the city council, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt said he didn't want to vote on that price hike at that meeting but wanted to have residents come

in and comment first.

He said he isn't happy about having to pay \$5 more a month, either.

The city's financial consultant Kelly Howey of Plante Moran explained that the last time city rates had been raised for trash pickup was Oct 3, 2011.

She said the Sanitation Fund is funded by user fees, which are estimated at \$203,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year at the current monthly user rate of \$15.30.

She said the Sanitation Fund expenditures include payments to the contractors; DPW time; and administrative time related

to billing users, postage, collection and recording of user fees, payment of contractor invoices, negotiation of contractor contract, and time spent with residents on sanitation-related issues.

She said Sanitation Fund expenditures are estimated to be \$275,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year. A monthly user rate increase of 35.5% would allow the Sanitation Fund to break even. This increase would bring the monthly user rate to \$20.73.

She said the Sanitation Fund is an enterprise fund, but the city has been

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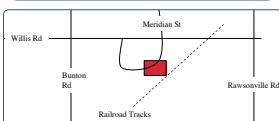
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT OKs Class C liquor license, SDM license for Cracker Barrel

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on May 3, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees gave local approval for a Class C liquor license and a new Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) license to be granted to Cracker Barrel at 45525 N. I-94 Service Dr.

The approved township resolution now will be sent for final approval to the State Liquor Control Commission which has control over liquor licenses.

James Bellanca, III, attorney for CBOCS Properties, Inc., the owner and operator of the local Cracker Barrel since 1991, said the Class C quota liquor license would allow Cracker Barrel to offer its customers beer, wine, or a mixed drink along with their meal.

He said there are 216 seats and they would have no new bar, but serve drinks at the tables.

The SDM also will allow sales of alcohol in their original packages for consumption offsite.

The police chief and township attorney had no objections to the proposal.

“Our guests have been asking for a glass of wine, mimosa, or mixed drink,” Bellanca said.

Bellanca said the Van Buren Township Cracker Barrel is the top-performing Cracker Barrel location in the state and it will be the first in Michigan to get a liquor license, if approved. He said they have 600 Cracker Barrel locations across the country.

In other business at the one-hour-10-minute meeting on May 3, the board:

- Held a moment of silence in memory of Linda Traskos, who had worked for the Van Buren Township treasurer’s office and the DPW, as well as being a wait person at several local restaurants;

- Approved Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham as the alternate delegate to the South Huron Valley Utility Authority;

- Approved the selection of Rolar Construction Corp. for the Van Buren Park’s Pavilions #1 and #3 Replacement Project for \$360,256.25. Each pavilion will have electricity and water. Rolar was low-bidder of three. The pavilions were rundown and unsafe and the construction of new pavilions will be from mid-October for November completion, said Elizabeth Renaud, director of public service;

- Approved the Iron Belle Trail Riggs Park Trailhead and Path Design, Engineering and Construction proposal from PEA Group for \$48,500. McNamara said PEA even finds grant money for its work;

- Approved the purchase of the LEXPOL Policy program for the fire department at a cost of \$21,285.25 to ensure the department policies are always up to date with local,

state, and federal laws. This is a step in a five-year plan towards accreditation similar to the police department;

- Approved selection of Pyrotecnico as the contractor for the 2022 VBT Fireworks Show for \$18,000 on Saturday, June 25, with a rain date of June 26. Costs for fireworks have gone up and the township received zero bids for a \$10,000 show, the usual cost of the fireworks;

- Approved minor updates to the purchasing policy;

- Heard Clerk Leon Wright announce that new voter registration cards will be sent out to everyone at the end of May. He said some precincts had to be redrawn because they had more than the 3,000 maximum voters allowed. Also, Haggerty School precinct is closed and relocated to Edgemont Elementary School in the City of Belleville;

- Heard Supervisor Kevin McNamara announce that the senior department is in need of drivers for Meals on Wheels, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. If someone can spare a day or so to do this, they should call the senior department;

- Heard Director Renaud announce the Museum Visioning workshop that will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 1 at the Belleville Area District Library for residents of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter. She also announced an online survey on the museum that is now on the township website. “We are keeping our neighbors in Belleville and Sumpter Township up on everything,” Supervisor McNamara said;

- Heard resident John Delaney say the people dealing with the museum don’t know about the community over the years like the late Kathy Horste and late Bob Doane did. He also asked about the retirements of Joanne Montgomery and Kathy Cline and if anything was done for them. McNamara said it was during COVID and they did something for Montgomery and Kline didn’t want anything;

- Heard resident Reg Ion say during public comment that he would like to see the Parks and Recreation Department work with the Van Buren Public School District on a community swim program using the high school pool, which was built with taxpayer money. He said when he worked for the school, he ran the pool and the public was able to use it. “We don’t need another pool, just access to the one we already have,” Ion said. He also asked about the snow fence on Ecorse Service Drive that was taken away, causing many problems, and spoke of taking better care of the I-94 and Belleville Road bridges, which had excesses of salt left on them last winter and the sand is still there with the salt in it eating away the cement. He

said although calcium chloride is more expensive, it should be used to preserve the bridges instead of sodium chloride;

- Heard Sharon Hobson and Tanda Owens of Belle Pointe Estates say they are trying to put together a Spring Clean Fling on May 20, 21, and 22, to help the elderly in their community clean up their yards. She asked if there was any funding for trash bags and gloves at the township to help. Owens said they reached out to Waste Management for a special pickup. “We will see what we can do,” Supervisor McNamara said. “We’ll find a way to help you.” Clerk Wright said there is money left in his Community Outreach Program for gloves and stuff. They also asked for help with getting a survey of the land so they can build a bus stop for the children off the county right-of-way;

- Discussed the problem of trash being everywhere. McNamara said they are hiring staffing groups to clean along township roads because the court is not sending out work crews, as in the past, and are sentencing people instead to community service; and

- Heard Trustee Boynton share his concerns about the incident at the high school with a fire arm. “We need to have a plan put together to protect our kids,” he

said. “It’s more important than building a community center, paving Haggerty Road, or the water department. Recently two kids made adult decisions.” He said they were afraid of the area they pass through to get to school, although they were comfortable at school. They were afraid from home to the school, he said. “What the answer is, I don’t know.” He said he spoke to the superintendent, high school principal and some on the board of education. He suggested a group get together with the school, law enforcement, and a Congressperson involved. “I’d like to see that happen. I’ll sit on it if I need to. We have to reverse what has been put into place.” If they are afraid of the area, they’ll bring a weapon to school and hide it outside the school, he said. “Lord only knows what trouble they will get into,” he said. Clerk Wright said he raised two boys and made a conscious decision not to have firearms in the home. He said parents shouldn’t give accessibility to firearms. McNamara said the board had asked him to work on this. He said they now have mental health first aid available and are working on a grant for a new resource officer. “We need to be talking about this as a community,” Trustee Reggie Miller said.

VBT Planners approve 128 senior apartments, fairgrounds building

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After more than a year of tweaking the plans of Clover Communities, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its April 27 meeting granted final site plan approvals for a senior housing facility with 128 independent senior housing units.

The development, to be called The Willows of Van Buren, is on 17.72 acres at 8470 Belleville Rd. The Willows development site is 16.16 acres and there is a 1.57 acre out-parcel that will be developed in the future.

Clover Communities, the developer, had presented its preliminary site plan in March 2021 and they have been waiting for a letter from Wayne County on the stormwater plan.

Meanwhile, they broke up the garages that were in long buildings, into five segments of four garages each to improve the looks of the facility, in accordance with past suggestions from the planning commission.

The issue of the township’s planned western extension of Robson Road at the development’s northern border in the future was addressed with changes and the water

main to the building was moved away from the trees planned around the driveway to make the main easier to access for repairs.

A sidewalk will be built along the front of the property from Robson Road south.

Paul Kammer of Fishbeck, engineering consultants for the township, said the big issue is storm water management with the developers and the county dealing with what’s on the site.

“The stormwater doesn’t go anywhere,” Kammer said, explaining there is no enclosed system on Belleville Road and stormwater goes to an open ditch with driveway culverts running towards the south/southeast.

He said he has no issue with the way it is now proposed. There is no direct outlet without crossing property to the west where it goes to a drain.

He said the applicant is proposing to collect stormwater using a proposed privately owned storm sewer system and conveyed to an onsite drainage basin. The plans indicate a standard detention pond system with a proposed outlet and emergency overflow spillway into a plunge pool (a smaller drainage basin) at the edge of the

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Should VBT close on Fridays for 4-day work week?

A proposal to close the doors to Van Buren Township Hall on Fridays to set up a four-day work week for employees is under consideration by the township board. The employees would work ten-hour days, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter presented it to the board as a proposal for discussion at the May 3 workshop. She said it's because employees these days are interested in spending more time with their families and that would work with a three-day week end.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara reminded them 21 employees left last year. In working to replace them, the township interviewed a lot of candidates and a flexible work week was often discussed.

He said it would just be for three months as a trial to see how it worked. If it was to proceed there would have to be changes in the contract.

Everyone agreed the township hall had few visitors on Fridays and it was really dead in the afternoons. But Treasurer Sharry Budd said she'd feel better if the township hall didn't close. She said people come in on Fridays to get permits for weekend projects and in tax season her office is very busy.

There is time to let your elected representatives know how you feel about shortening the work week. They'll be voting on it soon, so don't delay.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

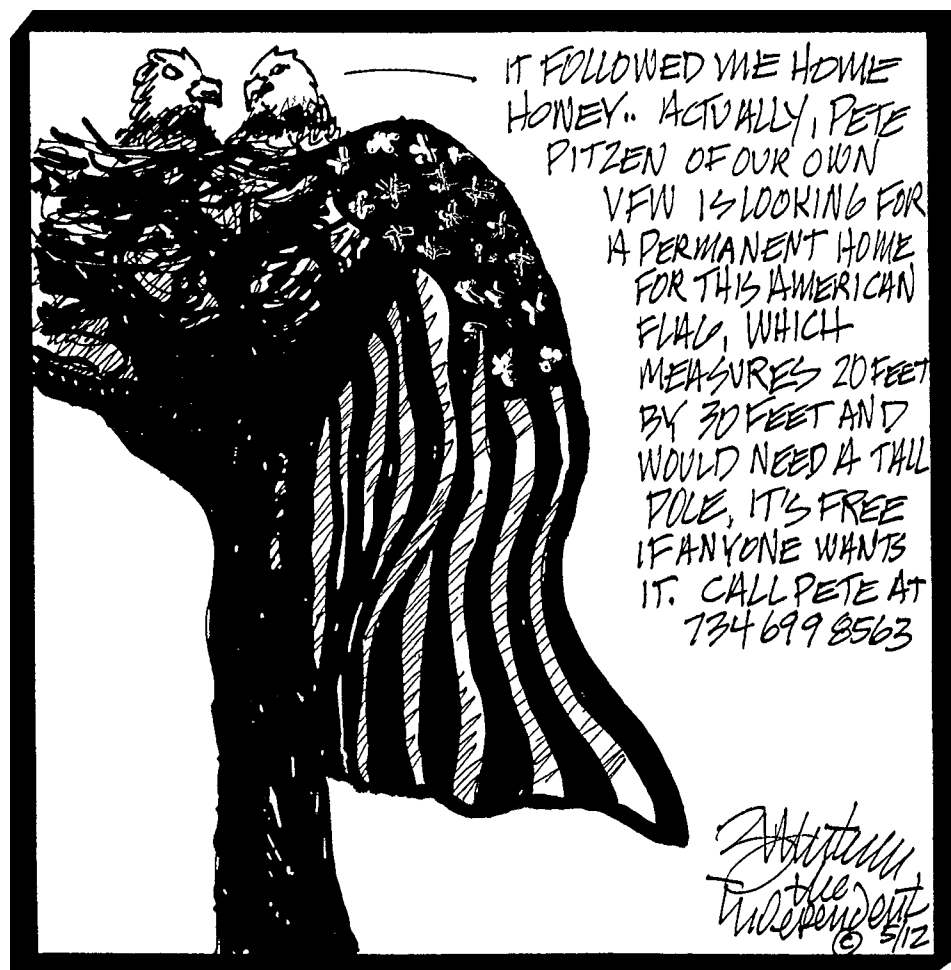
At about 8:30 a.m. May 3, the Van Buren Township Fire Department was called to a third-floor apartment fire at the old Harbour Club apartments (now The Waverly). Flames were visible on the deck. Fire Chief Dave McNally said that fire was readily extinguished and started after people were putting out their cigarettes on the wooden deck.

I received an anonymous letter in the mail dated April 30. The writer wanted me to know I got a few things wrong in my column recently. The writer said the spray-painted graffiti on the wall of Way of the Lamb Church on Elwell Road is not gone. The writer said the expletives and graphics have just been lightened and, "you can tell someone is trying..."

The writer said he/she contacted the township in February about the vandalism and was told they were aware of it and working with the church personnel. The writer said the nasty vandalism had been on display for at least six months, so the timing doesn't coincide with the time the teens were taking stuff from garages in nearby Briarwood subdivision.

The Eagle online publication announced that the Romulus City Council approved a one-year lease of 10,000 square feet of the old 34th District courthouse, which is behind the new courthouse. Beginning May 21, the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will operate out of the western part of that building at a cost of \$4,166 per month.

Councilwoman Virginia Williams said she thought the plan was to use that building for the Romulus Police Department after the new court was built and she preferred they move forward with that. She was the only council



person to vote no vote on the proposal.

Mayor Robert McCraight said the city was working on grants to rebuild the police department and if they get grants they will move the department over to the former courthouse. That's why the lease is only for one year, he said.

My brother Tony Kuchta is in town and around visiting old friends and meeting with relatives he hadn't known well in the past. Since he is retired from Ford, he has lots of time to delve into his passions and his latest one is family history. He graduated with the BHS class of 1949 and recently turned 91. When he flew in from Florida, he leased a car and has been here and there. It's fun to sit with him and talk about our past and dig up events we didn't know about from each other.

He's thinking about writing a book about our mom, a first-generation immigrant who left school early to help earn money to raise the immigrant family and yet became a renowned herb expert by teaching herself. Tony and I discussed the trees planted in honor of her and our dad at the entrance to the National Herb Garden in Washington, D.C.

On April 28, my son, Jim, and I were driving along the I-94 South Service Drive in Van Buren Township on our paper delivery route and we saw orange barrels from Rawsonville Road all the way to Belleville Road. We didn't know what was happening, but something was.

The next Thursday, May 5, when we got

to that area, it had been resurfaced from Rawsonville, all the way to just past the Van Buren Park entrance. It was great! Maybe when we deliver this week's paper it will be done all the way.

When we got to the Huron River Drive and Northline Drive intersection in Romulus last week, we saw the Huron River Drive bridge over I-275 was closed, so we detoured around to get to the court to deliver papers. There were no trucks and no activity on the bridge. One man rode his bike up on the bridge and reported orange paint markings but no trucks that afternoon.

On Friday, when I went to Romulus for the court open house, there were trucks up there and activity. All this is to say I went on the Wayne County website that lists the season's planned roadwork and neither the South Service Drive resurfacing nor the bridge over I-275 was mentioned.

The county listed the VBT Haggerty Road resurfacing between Tyler and the North I-94 Service Drive that took several months last season and then was only half done. Its southbound lane is closed for this summer. The only other project in VBT was the I-94 South Service Drive storm outlet to Belleville Lake estimated to start in the spring and be done in the summer. Life is a mystery.





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Letters**Volunteers needed for Post Office 'Stamp Out' Hunger Food Drive**

To the editor:

On Saturday, May 14, the Letter Carriers will be having their "Stamp Out" Hunger Food Drive. All donated food will be given to the Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church located at 417 Charles St.

Please put your non-perishable donations in a bag by your mailbox on that day. Your mail carrier will pick them up and take them to the Post Office to be weighed. All Post Offices across the United States will be in competition on that day to see who can collect the most food.

After being weighed, the food will be transported to the church by volunteers.

Many hands will be needed on May 14 to sort, check "freshness" dates, shelve, box, and store the food items. Volunteers will meet downstairs at BFUMC in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. We will work until 6 p.m.

This is a "golden" opportunity for high school students to earn community service credit. Forms will be available for students to fill out and turn in.

Whatever help and time you can give will be greatly appreciated!

Marilyn Wood – Coordinator
 Emergency Food Closet
 Belleville

Thanks to city police for Liberty Street patrol

To the editor:

Re: Belleville Police Department Chief Robinson

Just have to say thank you to our city's concern over the volume of traffic as well as the speed of traffic on North and South Liberty Street.

I sent an e-mail about our concern for the children in the park and the dis-concern of the traffic going by at high rates of speed. It wasn't four days later and the Belleville police were stopping people for their dis-concern of the residential speed of 15 mph.

Thank you, Chief Robinson, as well as our city's awesome police that took not only the time to be posted on the streets but also their concern for public safety.

Hopefully people that use these two streets to avoid the traffic on Main Street will start getting the message that the speed is not 30-40-45 mph. Thank-you on behalf of myself and my neighbors!

AND ALL THE CHILDREN! GREAT JOB!

Brian J. Webb
 City of Belleville

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 19** – Salad Luncheon starts at noon at St. John's Lutheran church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz. Donation: \$7. Tickets available. To reserve tickets call Kari at (734) 654-6366. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies' Aid.

• **Saturday, May 21** – Help place American flags on veterans' graves at Hillside Cemetery beginning at 8:30 a.m. The city appreciates all the help it can get for the project to get the flags ready for Memorial Day.

• **Saturday, May 21** – Sumpter Township Senior Vendor Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Community Center Pavilion, 23501 Sumpter Rd., (734) 461-9373. Rain or shine. Quilts, jewelry, crocheted items and more. Call (734) 461-9373 or email to reserve a table for \$10, maryannwatson@sumptertwp.org.

• **Thursday, May 26** – "Starting a Small Business" at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Business Strategy Coach Camiel Davenport presents a series of workshops on information essential to starting and running a successful small business. This is the first in the series. Join in for a presentation and Q&A session. Please register online at www.belleville.lib.mi.us or by calling (734) 699-3291.

• **Wednesday, June 1** – Museum Visioning Workshop is from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Residents of the tri-communities of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter are asked to share their ideas about use of the Belleville Area Museum.

• **Sunday, June 5** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Saturday, June 25** – Van Buren Township fireworks show at Beck Ball Park at dusk, with rain date of Sunday, June 26.

• **Sunday, July 3** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Wednesday, July 13** – Free concert at Quirk Park in Van Buren Township. "Toppermost" Beatles' tribute begins at 7 p.m. FREE Hotdog meal to the first 100 attendees provided by Dana's Dawgs.

• **Wednesday, July 20** – Free concert at Quirk Park in Van Buren Township. The Rhythm Kings (Pop, R&B) begins at 7 p.m. FREE Hotdog meal to the first 100 attendees provided by Dana's Dawgs.

"Out of clutter, find simplicity."

– Albert Einstein

VBT moves forward on sidewalk program in Haggerty subdivision

VBT News Release

Van Buren Township is looking to facilitate a much-needed revitalization of sidewalks in the Haggerty subdivision.

The Van Buren Township Public Services Department and Board of Trustees have developed a concept for a sidewalk replacement program and are looking to translate the concept into real repairs.

A sidewalk replacement program provides for an effective means to correct existing sidewalk defects. These defects include, but are not limited to, age deterioration, cracking, disintegration, root lifting, settling, and damage from construction activities, which pose trip hazards for residents. Repair or replacement of these defective sidewalks and removing trip hazards is the key objective of this program.

Staff has developed a concept program working with sidewalk contractors and consultants, based on nearby communities' programs. Staff identified the pilot project area of Van Buren Estates (Haggerty Subdivision) which includes 716 lots with sidewalks.

"Now is the time to make the repairs in Haggerty subdivision", says Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We hope to do good work for our residents with the tools we have available. We're looking to remove trip hazards and increase safety in our largest neighborhood."

The Department of Public Services and the township's engineering consultant have now completed a conditions assessment (sidewalk markup) to assess specific issues such as cracking and heaving. Residents were updated on the program with an informational webinar for the program on April 21. The board of trustees will now be requested to officially approve the program at its regular meeting at 6 p.m., May 17, in the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees room, 46425 Tyler Rd. Information about the meeting, including means for attending the meeting remotely, will be posted to the Township website: www.vanburen-mi.org.

If the Board of Trustees approves the project, the approval will give the township the ability to request residents to respond within 30 days

with a confirmation of whether or not they will complete their own sidewalk replacement or repair.

Sidewalk repair or replacement completed by individuals will require a free permit. For properties needing repairs where residents do not respond, the township will advertise for a bid for the work to be completed across all of those non-responsive properties by a general contractor.

The repairs completed by the township will be payable over three years and billed with residents' taxes. The sidewalk program is authorized by an ordinance that was adopted by the township board earlier this year.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, May 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also,

City of Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 7 p.m.

• Monday, May 16 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 17 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting

• Monday, May 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

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Obituaries



Donna Glee Smith

DONNA GLEE SMITH

(October 18, 1927 – May 4, 2022)

Donna Glee Smith, age 94, longtime Belleville resident, passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Atria Park of Ann Arbor, MI. She was born October 18, 1927, in Mystic, Iowa, daughter of David M. & Emma Eliza (Fuller) Hicks. She graduated high school and earned her master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. She taught English and Reading at Belleville high school in the 1960s and 1970s. She was a member of TOPS for many years. She also enjoyed dancing and taught country line dancing for a while. She was an avid reader who enjoyed traveling. Most of all, she loved time spent with her children and grandkids.

Mrs. Smith is survived by a son Alan (Donna) Ayoubie of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; two daughters Sharon (Rick Williams) Potoczak of Whitmore Lake, MI, and Marilyn Hidenfelter of Belleville, MI; 4 grandchildren Brent (Miki) Gallagher, Andra (David Vasquez) Potoczak, both of Ann Arbor, MI, Caitlin (Ryan) Mayfield of Alabama, and Lauren Hidenfelter of Belleville, MI; 6 great-grandchildren Harlee, Maya, Skye, Dorian, Rowen, and Liah; also numerous extended family members, students and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Harley Smith, also four siblings.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association and would be appreciated.

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ROBERTA JEAN CULLIN

(May 11, 1931 – November 8, 2020)

GERALD RICHARD CULLIN

(January 3, 1930 – November 28, 2021)

A Celebration of Life and luncheon will be held in memory of Roberta and Gerald Cullin on Saturday, May 14, at the Van Buren Eagles, 99961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.



Laura Ann Hibbard

LAURA ANN HIBBARD

(September 9, 1964 – May 6, 2022)

Laura Ann Hibbard (Burnett) of Mesick, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 6, 2022 at her home, following a brief battle with Creutzfeldt-Jakob's Disease. She was only 57 years old.

Laura was born into a large family on September 9, 1964, in Carson City, MI, to William and Grace (Ley) Burnett. She grew up and attended school in Belleville, MI. On July 30, 1994 she entered into marriage with Kevin Lee Hibbard in Traverse City. Laura made a living helping others with in-home care as a nurse for a number of years.

Laura took great pride in being a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many. She had a heart of gold and it truly shined through everything she did. She enjoyed camping, motorcycle rides with her husband Kevin, snowmobiling, mushroom hunting, being barefoot outdoors, and spreading joy and love to every person she met.

Laura is survived by her loving husband, Kevin Hibbard of Mesick; her daughter Talisha (Joshua) Fronk; step-daughters Alyssa (Kyle) Becker and Jenna (Chris) Trowbridge; grandchildren Grace, Harleigh, Karson, Easton, Everlee, Holden, and Asher; her siblings Robert (Roxanne) Burnett, William (Susan) Burnett, James (Robin) Burnett, and Steven Burnett; as well as many other loving family members, friends and those in the Mesick community. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Peggy (David) Lipe, and brothers Daniel and Bruce Burnett.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Hall-Holdship Funeral Home in Manson. Funeral services will take place at 11 am on Saturday, May 14, 2022 also at the Hall-Holdship Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior. Interment will follow at the Springville Township Cemetery in Mesick. Memorial contributions may be directed to the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center (NPDPS) at 2085 Adelbert Rd., Room 419, Cleveland, OH 44106. Condolences and memories may be shared online at www.Hall-Holdship.com. The family is being served by the Hall-Holdship Funeral Home.



City of Belleville

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paying the difference in cost with taxpayer funds.

"It seems like a lot," said Brian Camiller from Plante Moran, "but you are spending more than what you're bringing in now. It's time to catch up." He suggested the city adjust the cost every year or every other year as the vendor raises its rates.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said the last time the city went out for bids, the current vendor, Republic Services, was the very best on prices.

Howey said if the city had passed on the rates as they rose each year, customers would be paying \$19.30, a steady raise of 3% a year.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said she thought the city wasn't going to keep increases in rates from users, but maybe that had just been for water rates.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said they should look at this every single year. It's a user fee and the city coordinates it and bills for it.

"Deficit spending doesn't work for me," Chief Robinson said.

Mayor Conley said that they have to send the message out to residents that they haven't raised trash-pickup rates for 11 years.

Without the raise, the general fund would have to pay \$75,000.

Peggy Voigt said from the audience that

since they are billing bi-monthly now, the increase on each bill would be \$10.

Mayor Pro Tem Voigt said he thinks they should seriously think of going back to monthly billings. He said COVID's over and they should go back to monthly billings, which are easier for someone on a fixed income.

"This is a user fee," said Tom Fielder from the audience. "Only those people who use the service pay for it. Those with private services, such as businesses, don't."

Voigt said the city has roads to replace and a new city hall to think about because the current one is falling down. He said they don't want to cut police officers or a duty crew for the fire department.

Mayor Conley said the contract with Republic is for the next three years and the city can expect a smaller increase next year.

Fielder said services like leaf pickup continue and Mayor Conley added if Republic misses picking something up, residents can call them and they'll come back.

"I would like to hear what people think," Voigt said.

Mayor Conley said she would like to know what it looks like at the front counter. Are there problems or hardships? She said if a good portion of the population wants to go back to monthly billing, they should look at it. She wondered if the timing offsets some other work.

Chief Robinson said he's been going through the departments looking for efficiencies. He said the city clerk pulls from the two clerks in front to help on projects. He said monthly billing would add more costs to the city.

He said when Victory Station gets upgraded people will use it more and if there's a senior center put in there, the city will need someone to be in there or check in.

"I've never lived in a community that billed less than quarterly," Chief Robinson said.

"If we could find a way to decrease the cost of credit card payments, we wouldn't see anyone here," Mayor Conley said, referring to the \$8 per transaction is costs now.

Chief Robinson said the city could change vendors.

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VB School Board plans to put larger Sinking Fund on Nov. ballot

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A proposal for a larger Van Buren Public Schools Sinking Fund than the one that has expired will be put on the Nov. 8 ballot, but the school board still has to decide how much that will be.

The expiring Sinking Fund, which was approved in the November 2015 election, was set at 0.5 mill and was reduced to the present 0.4870 mill by the Headlee Amendment. This generates about \$873,000 per year.

The law allows a 10-year maximum for the Sinking Fund and so that is what is being proposed, said Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Cresa who explained the details at Monday's regular meeting of the board of education.

Kakoczki said a committee had looked at all the district facilities and determined what maintenance they would need over the next 10 years. The law allows for the Sinking Fund to be used for maintenance, school security improvements, and instructional technology.

He said the committee came up with a list of needs that totaled \$53.5 million over 10 years and a 5-mill levy would bring in a total of \$54 million.

Van Buren Public Schools' current debt millage is 3.46, which incorporates the bond millage of 2.98 and the Sinking Fund of 0.48.

Kakoczki presented a chart of 34 area school districts that showed Van Buren fifth from the bottom of the millage totals. Airport Community Schools have the least amount of millage paid by taxpayers at 2.85. Ecorse Public Schools have a total of 16 mills.

Board president Amy Pearce said she liked 1.5 mill, which would be \$150 per year for a home valued at \$200,000, (\$12.50 per month) according to the chart. Board member Calvin Hawkins and secretary Darlene Gerick agreed.

"Costs are going up and we have to be realistic," president Pearce said. "We want to be fair to the community." She said by having a Sinking Fund for maintenance it would free up money in the budget for classrooms.

Vice president Susan Featheringill said the Sinking Fund money pays for technology and maintenance. She said having tablets for students is costly and it doesn't have to come out of the education budget.

Trustee Falconer said it also pays for security, "but not humans?"

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said it would pay for more cameras and other devices, but "not humans." He said they are working on getting a grant for another school resource officer and also putting lights and cameras in place.

Kakoczki said if the question doesn't pass on the Nov. 8 ballot, they can go back again in May and ask again.

Treasurer Simone Pinter said if everything is so ridiculously high now, it's sure to go up and, "We'll be locked in for 10 years." She suggested going for 2 mills, which the chart said would be \$16.67 per month for a home with a market value of \$200,000. "Everything tripled in the last two years," she said, referring to construction materials. "If it tripled again?"

Supt. Kudlak said they could go back to the voters if that happened.

Pearce said she doesn't want a situation like that.

Kudlak said the first Sinking Fund question was for 1.13 mill and it didn't pass, so they dropped it to 0.5.

"It's important to explain to the voters," Pearce said. "We need to focus on community education."

Kudlak said the maximum under the law is 3 mills for 10 years.

He said he would like the board to come up with final numbers because the festival season is coming and he wants to take the numbers to the people.

"The market isn't going to be this crazy forever," treasurer Pinter said. "It's going to crash and crash hard."

Kudlak asked board members to take this information out to their constituents and come back and discuss it at the next meeting and decide. Then they can vote on it at the following meeting in June.

In other business at Monday's two-hour meeting, the board:

- Approved Schools of Choice 2022-23 fall dates for unlimited seats in all classes. Kudlak said the district does not welcome new students who have been suspended in the last two years or have ever been expelled;

- Heard building presentations from Tyler Elementary School, the Early Child Development Center, and Edgemont Elementary School;

- Heard a presentation from the two Instructional Support Services employees, Tiffany Apostolakis (K-6) and Renea Kurek (7-12). The positions were created this year to assist the Office of Instruction in matters relating to curriculum, instruction, assessment, and school improvement;

- Approved the Belleville High School Cross Country Field Trip, July 25-28, at a South-Central Michigan campground to be determined;

- Approved the hiring of Spanish teacher Carina McGraw for Belleville High School beginning April 25;

- Approved the retirement of Patricia McInchak, a GSRP paraprofessional, after 24 years of service, as of June 30;

- Approved the hiring of Amanda Seng as a bus driver as of May 3 and Shaton Campbell as a bus aide as of April 27;

- Heard a presentation from a Van Buren Public Schools' district resident with an eight year old in the system and a master's degree in education from the University of Michigan that has started a business that trains and places substitute teachers. She said she would like to do a formal presentation to the board. Kudlak said he would have a conversation with her;

- Heard Director of Plant Operations James Williams report construction work is under way at Owen Intermediate in Area 1. Pearce

asked about progress on the McBride Clinic and Williams said it is going through the state for licensing. Kudlak said they plan a September start;

- Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun report that he is negotiating with the food service unit. He said the \$2 raise they were given raised their pay to \$13 an hour, which is not enough. In another matter, he said they decided to do something for the staff and so they are providing an event with food trucks going to each school. He said the union chipped in;

- Heard BHS student Natalia Payne report that Monday was yearbook distribution day. Senior Recognition is at 6:30 p.m. May 11, the senior final walk is May 19 for second and third hour, the prom is in Livonia on May 20 and senior graduation is at 7 p.m. May 26 at Eastern Michigan University; and

- Heard Kudlak say COVID numbers are going up in the school and the community. He is making no changes in rules, but he may have to re-mask buildings that are on the rise.

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Van Buren Township Fire Department was called to Burger King on Belleville Road the afternoon of May 3 when a grease trap started a fire. Fire Chief Dave McNally said Burger King had recently had a company clean its grease trap, but it wasn't done well. They continued to use it while waiting for it to be recleaned, Chief McNally said. It was pouring rain, but fire fighters had to cut a hole in the roof to get to the blaze, he said. He called Ypsilanti Township Fire Department for help and the City of Belleville was standing by for mutual aid. The fire was extinguished and the building turned back over to management. Chief McNally said Burger King was going to close in two days for construction work on upgrades, so it just closed early.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

The official grand opening was held Tuesday morning at the QualityCare RxPharmacy on East Columbia Avenue near the Secretary of State office in Belleville. Owner Ali Daher cut the ribbon in a ceremony with the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and community members. Coffee, juice, donuts, and special gift bags were given away. The public is invited to drop in and get a gift bag during celebration week. From left are Shannon Jarrett (pharmacy tech), Steve Cheinost (pharmacist administrator), Therese Antonelli, Ali Daher (owner) and his two sons Amir and Zahi, Steve Jones, Diedrie Rivera-Creal, and Collette McClinton. Not pictured is pharmacist Ali Farih.

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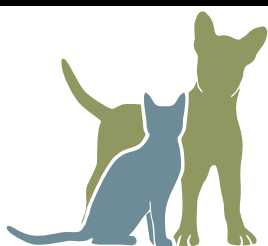
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Although there was a light rain on Friday afternoon, police and fire emergency vehicles were on display with some booths held under tents. At the front entry way there was free popcorn for all comers. Inside many booths from all kinds of public services lined the ground floor, with some on the second floor, as well.

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VBT Plan

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property. The plunge pool will discharge westerly onto the adjacent property at the back of the lot (west), towards the Apple Run Drain, approximately 1,500 feet to the west.

There is no direct storm water connection to the Apple Run Drain from the plunge pool, but instead overland sheet flow towards the drain, he said. This adjoining property is owned by Van Buren Township and is known to have existing wetlands. In a meeting with the township, Kammer said it was pointed out the additional flow from the Clover Development property may increase the saturated area up to and beyond the wetland and may expand the footprint of the existing wetland.

Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the commission, said they had been talking about the name at the township

and she asked if they would consider changing the name to "Willows of Van Buren Township." Beth Ernat replied she couldn't confirm that but would take the suggestion and pass it on to the owner.

Ernat said planning the development has been an adventure and even though it hasn't been in the paper lately, she continues to get calls.

Fairgrounds restroom, laundry room

The commission also approved the preliminary and final site plans for the Wayne County Fairgrounds Restroom Building and laundry building on a 2,380-square-foot slab at an existing fairground facility, along with seven new asphalt parking spaces and a concrete walkway and to demolish 7,500-square-feet of combined concrete and gravel services.

The 37.5-acre fairgrounds was established in 1946 at 10871 Quirk Rd. and is owned by the non-profit Wayne County 4-H Association. In the beginning camping there was for the youth and adult exhibitors in tents during the week of the fair.

In the early 1980s, a campground for the public was established to help generate income to sustain the fair. The old bath house that is being replaced was built in the late 1970s. The new facility is proposed to include six washing and six drying machines, along with eight toilets, eight showers and eight sinks. The current building that is being replaced has seven showers, two sinks, and two urinals.

Deborah Schalte, treasurer, was present to represent the fairgrounds. The campground is located on seven acres at the north end of the property.

VBT board considers four-day week, 10-hr. day for employees

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A poll of directors and salaried staff at Van Buren Township showed that 70% would like to change their five-day work weeks to four days, working 10 hours a day, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. And, 95% believe a four-day workweek would be more efficient.

This is the information Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter related to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its workshop session May 3.

She said she is only asking for discussion and no decision on the proposal is needed now. She said this would allow time for residents to come forward with their ideas on the subject.

Director Sumpter said this has been a hot topic over the last few weeks and she wanted to get it all out in the open at the workshop.

Deputy Supervisor Dan Selman said the compressed work schedule was based on keeping the hall open for services. He thought this was an optimal time to discuss this since it is going into summer and contract negotiations are starting.

"How did this come about?" asked Trustee Reggie Miller.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said on Fridays it's dead in township hall and on Friday afternoons the hall is empty. He said the phones ring until 4:30 p.m. and the contractors come in early in the morning.

He said a proposal to work nine-hour days and a half-day on Friday was a non-starter with employees. He said a lot have daycare problems and after 5:30 p.m. there is extra cost.

Supervisor McNamara said there are retention problems and, "We're a service organization and can't work from home."

"How will this affect our residents?" Trustee Miller asked.

McNamara said the township hall will be open Mondays through Thursdays and a lot is available online.

"We do have online permitting and you can register online for programs in Community Services," said Deputy

Selman. He noted that if the township was contacted by someone who could only come in on Fridays, "I'm sure we could accommodate her."

"How do we get the information out about the day closed?" Miller asked.

Sumpter said that would be done the same way they did with COVID changes. She said they had a very good communications department and they got the word out.

"Sit in here on a Friday? It's a ghost town," Sumpter said.

McNamara said the proposal is to try it for three months, with a drop-dead date of Sept. 2. He said they have to put wording in the contract and if the residents don't like it, this board is the only one who can make this happen or not.

Clerk Leon Wright said people want flexibility and they are hearing that now as they interview candidates. He said someone who came to the township hall late that day was asked if he'd like a 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule at township hall and he thought it was great, especially for the employees.

"It's not set in stone. It's a trial," Clerk Wright said. "The majority of residents would understand. This is a good time to do a trial run."

McNamara said 21 employees left last year.

Sumpter said this is not the first time interviewees had asked about weeks of 4/10. "They are happy with long week ends, to spend time with their families."

Miller asked if all the departments will have this and if there would be overtime engendered in order to accommodate someone.

Sumpter said directors don't get overtime and the directors would take care of anything after hours.

McNamara said he discussed this with every director.

Selman said he spoke to the HR director of Commerce Township which has this kind of hours and he said they wouldn't go back.

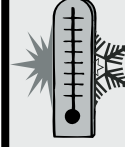
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and that young man lived with him in fear. Defense attorney Jeff Bowdich said Scott had been in the hospital for the last two weeks after having part of one of his feet amputated. He said the victim no longer lives with his client and there is no reason for the two to contact one another. The case had been set for a jury trial on Jan. 14 and that was removed from the calendar.

Cayenne Elizabeth Wilcox

Cayenne Elizabeth Wilcox, 43, of Ann Arbor was arraigned Sept. 15 on charges of controlled substance second offense notice and third-degree retail fraud on Feb. 16, 2020 in Van Buren Township. Her probable cause conference was adjourned until Oct. 6 and then, after Neighborhood Defender Service was assigned to the case, it was adjourned until Oct. 13. They were working on a deal so the case then was adjourned to Nov. 10. At that time, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Alexander

Kurrie asked for one last adjournment to iron out details to resolution. Judge Martin adjourned the probable cause conference to Dec. 8. On that date Kurrie said they were very close to an offer that he had to discuss with his supervisor. The case was adjourned until Jan. 19 and then a probable cause conference was set for Feb. 2. That was adjourned until March 2.

On March 2, she pled guilty to retail fraud and the other charge was dismissed. She is on probation with the 14B district court in another county and so she will continue with that as non-reporting probation and she will continue with her substance abuse program. She told Judge Green she had been clean for a year and a half. He said she took something she did not pay for at the Meijer store in Van Buren Township on Feb. 16, 2020. She will pay a total of \$545 in fines.

Brittany Nicole Blanchard

Brittany Nicole Blanchard, 33, of Wixom, was present for her remote pretrial on Sept. 15 on charges of child abuse fourth degree and domestic violence on Aug. 29 in Van Buren Township. On Sept. 15 Judge Green set the final pretrial for Oct. 13 to give her defense attorney Samer Jadallah time to get the discovery. He said his client wishes the no-contact order with the complaining victim removed and Judge Green kept

the no-contact order as part of the \$5,000 personal bond.

On Oct. 13, the defense attorney asked for a jury trial and it was set for a date to be determined. The case was to be reviewed on Dec. 29 and again on June 28.

Lisa Jean Kartmann

Lisa Jean Kartmann, 40, of Van Buren Township is charged with one misdemeanor count of domestic violence on Aug. 22 in Van Buren Township. On Sept. 15 her final pretrial was set for Oct. 6 and the victim must appear. As part of the conditions of her \$5,000 personal bond, she was not to return to an address on Union Street.

On Oct. 6, the complaining witness did not appear so the charge was dismissed without prejudice, which means it could be refiled.

Jasmine Monet Williams

Jasmine Monet Williams, 25, of Inkster, was due for a Sept. 15 jury trial before Judge Oakley on charges of embezzlement on Jan. 3, 2020 in Van Buren Township. Instead, she pled guilty and was deposed by Judge Oakley on a guilty plea. She was sentenced to pay \$851.51 on a payment plan.

Jeffrey Edward Dutcher

Jeffrey Edward Dutcher, 48, of Detroit was present for his probable cause conference before Judge Martin on Sept. 22. He is charged with two counts of operating while intoxicated in the City of Belleville. His defense attorney John Camilleri asked for time to look over the police reports and maybe avoid the exam. The probable cause conference was adjourned until Oct. 6 and then he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Oct. 20. A calendar conference was set for Nov. 12. A final conference was held Jan. 12 when he pled guilty to operating while intoxicated and to a new charge of operating OUIL/per se/OWI-third offense notice (felony). The charges of operating with a high blood alcohol content and open container in the vehicle were dismissed. Sentencing by Judge Donald Knapp was on Feb. 18, with a total of \$1,498 on each of the two charges and alcohol tether upon release of jail sentence for one year with two years of probation, plus 60 days of community service for each charge.

Malik James Walker

On Sept. 22, Malik James Walker, 24, of Detroit pled guilty to one count of driving while license suspended and the court dropped the other count of driving with no insurance in the City of Belleville on Oct. 22, 2020. Judge Martin levied a fee totaling \$980.

Walker was also set for an Oct. 26 pretrial appearance by zoom on a charge of domestic

violence-second offense notice in Van Buren Township on Feb. 14, 2021. On Oct. 26, his final pretrial on that charge was set for Nov. 23 and then the charges were dismissed on a motion of the defendant.

Sean Arthur Charnley

Sean Arthur Charnley, 35, of E. Lansing, is charged with possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on Nov. 27, 2020 in Van Buren Township. His attorney Hannah Baron of Neighborhood Defender Service said she was missing some of the digital discovery and needs time to review it. The live preliminary exam was set for Nov. 10 and then reset for Jan. 26. When he failed to appear for his court date, a warrant was signed for his arrest.

Kora Leigh Dailey

Kora Leigh Dailey, 24, of Van Buren Township, was present before Judge Martin on Sept. 22 for her arraignment and pretrial on charges of aggravated assault and assault/assault and battery on Nov. 11, 2020 in Van Buren Township. Her attorney Dan Bitar said he needed the police report and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jane Gillis said she would send it to him. Judge Martin set personal bond of \$5,000 for Dailey, warning her to have no contact with the victim. The victim must appear at the final pretrial which was set on Oct. 20 by zoom. The victim was there by zoom for the Sept. 22 session.

On Oct. 20, she pled no contest to assault and battery and her first count was dismissed. Judge Green deferred her case for up to a year until she takes an anger management course. Fine was \$300.

Carlo Forester

Carlo Forester, 49, of Van Buren Township, was arraigned on a bench warrant on Sept. 30 before Magistrate Al Hindman via zoom from Huron Township lockup where he was placed by Sumpter Township police. He was facing a charge of violation of probation and his hearing on that was set for Oct. 18. Bond was set at \$5,000. He also was asked to appear before that date at the court's probation department.

On Oct. 18, Judge Martin found him guilty of violation of probation and committed him to the William Dickerson facility and placed on in-home alcohol monitoring for not to exceed 30 days.

The probation stemmed from a charge of driving while intoxicated with person younger than 16 in the vehicle on May 13, 2019 in Sumpter Township. That charge was reduced by the court to driving while visibly impaired, with a list of requirements, including restitution with time payments, substance treatment, Reality Check class, and work program.

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Small Business Savvy is the theme for a series of free workshops for starting and running a successful small business. Strategy coach Camiel Davenport will get things started with “Starting a Small Business” on May 26 at the Belleville Area

District Library. In July Davenport will present “Scaling Up Your Small Business” on May 21, and “Pricing for Profit” on Aug. 18. All workshops start at 7 p.m. Online registration is available at www.belleville.lib.mi.us, or by phone at (734) 699-3291.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, located in Sumpter, has resumed its schedule of pet adoption events in and around the community with a stop at the Westland Petco Pets store on Warren Avenue across from the mall this Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to noon. Visit www.friendsofmichigan.org for pet profiles, updates on public events, and fundraiser info. Adoptions are available at their shelter by appointment and by calling (734) 461-9458.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES MAY 3, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Miller, and Trustee Boynton. Absent/Excused: Trustee Martin. Also in attendance: Recording Assistant Beaudry, Deputy Supervisor Selman, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Fire Chief McNally, Director of Planning and Economic Development Powers, Downtown Development Director Ireland and an audience of eight (8).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2022, Prepaid List of April 21, 2022, Prepaid List of April 28, 2022, Voucher List of May 3, 2022, Approval of Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham as the Alternate Delegate to the South Huron Valley Utility Authority and Approval of updates to the Purchasing Policy. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Every Van Buren Township voter will be receiving a new voter registration card to show their updated districts and voting locations; a moment of silence was held to honor long time Belleville resident and Van Buren Township employee Linda Traskos who passed away on April 20, 2022; the Township is in need of meals on wheels volunteer drivers to deliver meals to seniors; residents are invited to attend a Museum Visioning Workshop at the Belleville Area District Library on Wednesday, June 1st from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm and a survey was launched on the Belleville Area Museum website today to receive tri-community resident’s input on the BAM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and

New Business): A resident voiced opinions on recognizing retirees, the Belleville Area Museum and inquired on the purchasing policy. A second resident expressed opinions on a proposed compressed work schedule, community access to the Belleville High School pool, a snow fence that was removed on the service drive causing issues after snow plowing and a concern the amount of salt used on the I-94 bridge is causing damage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve the selection of Rolar Construction Corp. for the Van Buren Park’s Pavilions #1&3 Replacement Project for \$360,256.25. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Miller seconded to approve the Iron Belle Trail Riggs Park Trailhead & Path Design, Engineering & Construction Proposal from PEA Group for \$48,500. Motion Carried. Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the purchase of LEXPOL Policy program for the Fire Department. Motion Carried. Miller moved, Boynton seconded to approve of issuing a new Class C quota license for on premise alcohol consumption and new Specially Designated License to Cracker Barrel. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the selection of Pyrotecnico as the contractor for the 2022 VBT Fireworks Show for \$18,000. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Belle Pointe Estates is holding a Spring Fling Clean on May 20-22 to clean up their community and asked for assistance with supplies and a dumpster; Belle Pointe Estate resident inquired about the potential location of laying a cement pad for a neighborhood bus stop; a resident voiced their opinions on the Gateway Sign project, solar power sign options, the 34th district court road side trash program funding, excessive trash on Morton Taylor and Van Born.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: There was discussion on the excessive trash on the side of the roads in the Township; the Board discussed protecting our children, gun control, mental health and what the Board can do to make a difference.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved; Boynton seconded to adjourn at 7:09 pm. Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: May 12, 2022

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Thank you to Bethany Bible Church in on East Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township for renewing your ad with us in our church directory. Bethany Bible offers adult Bible fellowship every Sunday and children’s Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. followed by service at 11 a.m. Wednesdays are Kids & Teens night, beginning at 6:45

p.m. and Bible for Life for everyone at 7 p.m. Visit www.bethanybiblechurch.com for details and for other programs, such as daycare. Call (734) 697-7456. To learn how you can list your church in our weekly directory, call me at (734) 699-9020.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 734-699-9020.

Lindsay Kaweck earns M.Ed. from Concordia University, Nebraska

SEWARD, NE -- Lindsay Kaweck of Belleville earned a M.Ed. from Concordia University, Nebraska.

On May 7, Concordia University, Nebraska awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees to more than 400 graduates. The Class of 2022 was honored during undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On May 17th, 2022, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2004	VOLKSWAGN	4D	3VWSE69M74M079718	22-1667
2009	CHEVROLET	SW	1GBGG25K791174286	22-2157
2001	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF52E219357825	22-2415
2009	SATURN	4D	1G8ZS57BX9F164804	22-2617
2010	FORD	4D	3FAHP0HA2AR201465	22-2717
2006	FORD	TK	1FTPX12V26NA92183	22-2907
2012	KIA	SW	KNDJT2A62C7368752	22-2938
1997	FORD	TK	1FDKE37L5VHB72735	22-3436
2000	ISUZU	TK	JALC4B140Y7002444	22-3436
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB58K569235315	22-3518

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1996	SUBARU	SW	4S3BK4354T6319436	22-1662
2008	DODGE	4D	1B3HB28B58D776581	22-1985
2000	FORD	SW	1FMNU40L5YEE34811	22-998
2009	KIA	4D	KNAFE221695652549	22-1703
2004	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCEK14V54E166373	22-973
1996	FORD	2D	3FASP11J2TR132902	22-1627
2004	JEEP	SW	1J4GL58K44W239251	22-2524
1998	MERCURY	4D	2MEFM74W5WX656841	22-3212
2008	FORD	4D	1FAHP35N18W297721	22-3709
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WD58C569186815	22-3651
2010	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB5EN3A1141388	22-3810
1998	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCDT19X4WK210161	22-1655

All vehicles are sold in “as is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: May 12th, 2022

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 250 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, May 1:

0028 – domestic, E I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0031 – assist fire dept., Michigan Ave.
0054 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
0110 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
0228 – welfare check, Sondra Dr.
0254 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Beck
0311 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1014 – assault & battery, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1101 – hospice death, Haggerty Rd.
1137 -- dumping complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1312 – larceny from auto, Rose Blvd.
1337 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1407 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1414 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1458 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
1552 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1605 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.
1612 – missing person, Elwell Rd.
1620 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
1703 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1739 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1804 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1947 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2014 – welfare check, Maple Dr.
2029 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2049 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2110 – welfare check, Buchanan St.
2150 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2226 – noise complaint, Quirk Rd.
2232 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
2310 – noise complaint, Chandler Dr.

Monday, May 2:

0012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
0134 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
0345 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
0559 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
0731 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0756 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
0838 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.
0840 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.
0953 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.
1024 – abandoned auto, Jeremy Rd./Patty Ln.
1148 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1212 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1218 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
1251 – intrusion alarm, Bak Rd.
1313 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1417 – larceny, Townsend Park
1446 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1511 – misc. complaint, N. Darmoor Cir.
1513 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1537 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1613 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1638 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse
1716 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1805 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2010 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
2046 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2102 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service/Belleville
2106 – welfare check, Maple Dr.
2111 – suicidal person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2131 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2142 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2247 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, May 3:

0512 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0613 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0834 – animal complaint, Burtrig St.
0839 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0841 – malicious destruction of property, Elwell
0847 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0911 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
0914 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1000 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards Rd.
1033 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
1059 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1117 -- parking complaint, Stamford Rd. / N. Cumberland Dr.
1134 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.

1140 – assist other dept., Holly Ln.
1233 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1323 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1428 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1434 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1459 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1629 – fraud, Water’s Edge Ln.
1713 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1738 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1922 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1927 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2038 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service/Belleville
2246 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2254 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
2355 – overdose, McKinley St.

Wednesday, May 4:

0233 – traffic offense, Beckley Rd.
0736 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Truman
0939 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0944 – vehicle lockout, Maple Dr.
1007 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1010 – shooting, Ecorse Rd./Sadie Ln.
1111 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./McBride Ave.
1140 – private property impound, Maple Dr.
1152 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
1303 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1315 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1403 – civil matter, Spruce Ln.
1553 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1558 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Hannan Rd.
1618 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1638 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1642 – welfare check, Belleville/S. I-94 Service
1719 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1756 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1836 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1935 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1940 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
2233 – threat, Edison Lake Rd.

Thursday, May 5:

0132 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
0306 – domestic, Holly Ln.
0506 – vehicle lockout, Milton Dr.
1010 – welfare check, Van Buren St.
1021 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94 Belleville ramp
1042 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1149 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1202 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1206 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1237 – family trouble, Sumpter Rd.
1242 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1305 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
1308 – private property impound, Rawsonville Rd.
1339 – domestic, McKinley St.
1351 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse
1451 – property damage accident, Harmony Ln.
1455 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Service B Dr./Mida Dr.
1537 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1541 – malicious destruction of property, Landmark
1631 – welfare check, Meadows Ct.
1708 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2024 – civil matter, Martz Rd.
2051 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2125 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Friday, May 6:

0318 – assist fire dept. W. I-94/S. Haggerty I-94 ramp W.
0329 – traffic offense, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0514 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster Dr.
0622 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0725 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0815 – assist fire dept., Briarcliff Dr.
0906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0940 – suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
1056 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1255 – suicidal person, Locust Dr.
1331 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1336 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1353 – domestic, Belleville Rd.

1402 – personal injury accident, Tyler Rd./Hannan
1426 – overdose, Turnberry Ct.
1529 – ordinance violation, S. Schooner Dr.
1623 – family trouble, Van Buren St.
1650 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1730 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Lake Villa Dr.
1743 – abandoned auto, Patty Ln.
1755 – intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson sT.
2032 – domestic, Peachtree Ln.
2057 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2327 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Denton
2341 – assist other dept., Greenhills

Saturday, May 7:

0009 – assist other dept., Argonne
0027 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0810 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1018 – family trouble, Andover Dr.
1031 – missing person, Belleville Rd.
1107 – neighbor trouble, Milton Dr.
1230 – misc. complaints, Basswood Cir.
1238 – welfare check, E. Archwood Dr.
1246 – traffic offense, Jackson St./McBride Ave.
1303 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1322 – vehicle lockout, Savage Rd.
1352 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
1603 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1624 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
1633 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1654 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1658 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1657 – neighbor trouble, Lake Crest Dr.
1904 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1912 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1931 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
2037 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
2110 – personal injury accident, Hannan Rd. / Huron River Dr.
2115 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
2224 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
2303 – domestic, Maurice Dr.
2311 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2323 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 64 traffic stops, with ten of them on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 1:

0206 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.
0524 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2049 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
2356 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, May 2:

0150 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.
1417 – misc. complaint, Charles St.
1422 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1459 – private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1620 – property check, Harbour Pointe
1711 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.
1721 – traffic stop, Main St.
1745 – traffic offense, Main St.
1749 – traffic stop, Main St.
1816 – traffic stop, Main St.
1845 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1923 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main
1947 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
2145 – traffic stop, South St.

Tuesday, May 3:

0020 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.
0436 – traffic stop, Main St.
0641 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0940 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1404 – property damage accident, Belleville / Denton
1428 – 911 welfare check, Brain St.
1644 – property damage accident, Main St./High
2115 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2325 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.

Wednesday, May 4:

0400 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.
1106 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2253 – traffic stop, Sumpter/Industrial Pk. Dr.

Thursday, May 5:

0051 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0135 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Carmell
0926 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1506 – property damage accident, Main St.

Friday, May 6:

0237 – found property/child, Main St.
0714 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
0944 – larceny from auto, Potter Dr.
0953 – larceny from auto, Potter Dr.
1349 – larceny from auto, Potter Dr.
1751 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
2204 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River

Saturday, May 7:

0503 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
0708 – traffic stop, South St.
0730 – traffic stop, South St.
0751 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0756 – traffic offense, Belleville/Harmony Ln.
0819 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0829 – traffic offense, Main St.
0843 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0857 – traffic stop, E. Davis St./South St.
0913 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.
0925 – traffic stop, Main St.
0932 – traffic offense, E. Columbia/S. Liberty
0947 – traffic offense, Belleville/Quirk
1044 – misc. complaints, E. Columbia Ave.
1103 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell
1112 – traffic stop, Main St.
1122 – traffic stop, Main St.
1135 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1147 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.

1200 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
1210 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1219 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1231 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1241 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St./First St.
1250 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1257 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1306 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.
1338 – property damage accident, Main St./High
1450 – property damage accident, Main St./High
1635 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Sunrise
1644 – traffic offense, Belleville/Quirk
1803 – traffic offense, Main St./Fifth St.
1818 – traffic stop, High St.
2052 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
2139 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2329 – traffic stop, Denton/curves
There were 35 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 1:

0802 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1203 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1415 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1551 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1640 – follow-up investigation, Florida St.
1856 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1950 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2011 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln./Carriage Ln.
2059 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2310 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.

Monday, May 2:

0221 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
0814 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Sumpter
1236 – citizen assist, 5900 bl. McKean Rd.
1410 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1829 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1913 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Willis
2050 – property damage accident, Stonecrest Dr. / Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, May 3:

0546 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0738 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Willis
0946 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1223 – follow-up investigation, Willis/Wilmot
1831 – 911 hang up, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2041 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2133 – missing person report, Birch Dr.

Wednesday, May 4:

0222 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
0308 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
0557 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0840 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

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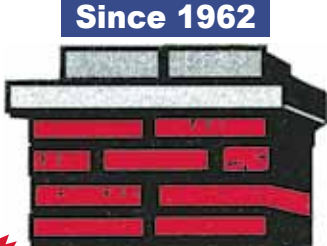
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0918 – suspicious circumstances, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1045 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1152 – civil matter, Stonecrest Dr.
1311 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
1411 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1435 – citizen assist, Idaho St.
1858 – civil matter, Greenmeadow Dr.
2149 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Elwell
2317 – noise complaint, Washington St.

Thursday, May 5:
0750 – disorderly person, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1051 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1057 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Judd
1149 – family trouble, Creekside Dr.
1352 – death investigation, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1810 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.

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Tree Service

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1922 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2124 – property damage accident, Karr Rd./Willis
2217 – fire dept. assist, Walnut St.

Friday, May 6:
1341 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1828 – suspicious circumstance, 29000 bl. Elwell
1904 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2010 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
2034 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Saturday, May 7:
0318 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
0441 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
0556 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0708 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0740 – alarm, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0825 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0832 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1034 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1100 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1209 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1216 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1301 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1811 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1832 – assist other agency, Arkona Rd./Sumpter
1909 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1946 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Clark
2108 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2139 – motorist assist, Willow Rd./Martinsville
Also on this log are 108 patrol checks, 41 traffic stops, and two misc. details.

VENDOR MARKET

Saturday, May 21
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sumpter Township Community Center Pavilion, 23501 Sumpter Rd.
Quilts, jewelry, crocheted items, crafts, treasures, and more
\$10 table rental, call (734) 461-9373 to reserve a table, or email
maryannwatson@sumptertwp.org

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PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Volunteers are needed on May 14 to sort, date check, shelve and store.
Please meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 am.

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MAY 14 1 to 3



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